

In the Claims:

1.(currently amended) Hard surface cleaning composition particularly adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition comprises:

water;

a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2200;

an amphoteric hydrotrope;

optionally ~~but particularly desirably~~, one or more further detergents surfactants, preferably one or more anionic surfactants but preferably at least one anionic surfactant is present in conjunction with the nonionic surfactant constituent;

optionally one or more conventional additives; and,

water.

2.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein; the nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers has a molecular weight of at least about 2500.

3.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein; the amphoteric hydrotrope is selected from alkylampho(mono)propionates and alkylampho(di)propionates.

4.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 3 wherein; the amphoteric hydrotrope is an alkylampho(di)propionate.

5.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the composition is essentially free of organic solvents.

6.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1
any preceding claim which further comprises:

 a further detergentsurfactant selected from: anionic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, mixtures of an anionic and a nonionic surfactant.

7.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 6 whererin;
 the composition comprises a nonionic alcohol ethoxylate surfactant.

8.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 6 wherein;
 the composition comprises an anionic sulfonate surfactant.

9.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to any preceding claim
 wherein;
 the composition comprises at least 92%wt. water.

10.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 9 wherein;
 the composition comprises at least 94%wt. water.

11.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition at a pH of not more
 than 7 adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition
 comprises (~~but preferably consists of, more preferably consists essentially of~~):
 0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block
 copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;
 0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;
 0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, preferably of the sulfonate type
 in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent, preferably an
 alcohol alkoxylate;
 optionally ~~but desirably~~ a preservative constituent;
 optionally ~~but desirably~~ a defoaming constituent;
 optionally ~~but desirably~~ a pH adjusting agent;

optionally one or more conventional additives; and,
at least 92%wt, ~~preferably at least 94%wt.~~ water,
characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.

12.(canceled)

13. A process for the cleaning of a hard surface, preferably flooring surfaces such as finished wood flooring, finished wood veneer flooring and finished non-wood flooring surfaces which are intended to provide the appearance of wood flooring surfaces, which process includes the step of providing a cleaning effective amount of the hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim to the hard surface.~~

14.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 11 at a pH of not more than 7 adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition comprises:

0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;

0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;

0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, of the sulfonate type in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent of the alcohol alkoxylate type;

optionally a preservative constituent;

optionally a defoaming constituent;

optionally a pH adjusting agent;

optionally one or more conventional additives; and,

at least 92%wt. water,

characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.

15.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 14 at a pH of not more than 7 adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition consists essentially of:

0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;

0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;

0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, of the sulfonate type in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent of the alcohol alkoxylate type;

optionally a preservative constituent;

optionally a defoaming constituent;

optionally a pH adjusting agent;

optionally one or more conventional additives; and,

at least 92%wt. water,

characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.